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Man Pleads to Killing Pregnant Girlfriend in 2016

A man pleaded no contest today to murdering his pregnant girlfriend during a card game in Hollywood two years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Philip Patrick Policarpio (dob 8/17/76) entered his plea to one count each of first-degree murder and first-degree murder of a fetus as well as admitting a gun allegation.

Sentencing is set for Sept. 21 in Department 131 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center when the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of 75 years to life in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Kathy Ta of the Family Violence Division prosecuted the case.

On April 12, 2016, victim Lauren Olguin, who was about 17 weeks pregnant with the defendant's child, was playing cards at a friend's apartment in Hollywood. Policarpio came to the apartment separately and an argument ensued between the two.

Policarpio began hitting Olguin, 32, and then placed a gun to her head and fatally shot her, the prosecutor said. He fled and was added to the FBI's Ten Most Wanted fugitive list. Policarpio was arrested several weeks later at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Case BA445887 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.